Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Subsequent to the receipt of this question, has any inquiry been made ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No inquiry has been made yet.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I think Government will please inquire into the matter.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Refund of fine—Managing Director of the Cochin Orchards Company.

349. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—(a) whether Mr. Barton Wright, the Managing Director of the Cochin Orchards Company Ltd. applied to the Trichur Municipal Council in 1106 or thereabouts for the refund of the fine imposed on him by the Ex-Chairman; if so, will a copy of the letter be placed on the Council Table;

(b) what is the report of the Commission appointed by the present Municipal Council to enquire into the matter ;

(c) what are the orders of the Council in this matter?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) Yes; a copy is placed on the table (*Appendix V.*)

(b) The Committee has not finally reported on the question.

(c) The Council has passed no final orders as the final report of the Committee has not been received.

Panchayat Registrar and tenders for road construction.

350. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) whether all the roads for the construction of which tenders were called in the Talappalli Taluk had been finally aligned before advertising for tenders ;

(2) if the alignments were not finally settled, what purpose could the calling for tenders serve ?

(3) whether the lump allotment of Rs. 20,000 for the Panchayat Department in the budget of 1107 been utilised till the end of Thulam 1107 ;

(4) if so, how much and the reason for not utilising the remainder ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(1) Yes.

(2) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (1) above.

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